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#### **RESOLUTION NO. 11**

##### **RETENTION OF CERTAIN RECLAMATION PROJECT LANDS IN PUBLIC OWNERSHIP**

WHEREAS, wildlife habitat, including that of pheasants, has been steadily declining in certain agricultural areas, as farming practices have become more intensive; and

WHEREAS, public lands are continuing to be converted to private agricultural use by means of federal reclamation projects; and

WHEREAS, such conversion reduces wildlife habitat:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners respectfully urges the Congress to act favorably on S.527 which would require that 40 acres of each 640 acres of federal reclamation project lands, over and above lands provided for mitigation of losses under the terms of the Wildlife Coordination Act, would be retained in public ownership for wildlife use.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 12**

##### **COMBATING DEVELOPMENT OF ANTI-HUNTING SENTIMENT AND PRESERVATION OF RECREATIONAL HUNTING**

WHEREAS, there is increasing sentiment developing on a national scale to discredit hunting and the harvest of wildlife; and

WHEREAS, legislation is proposed to ban killing animals on public land; and

WHEREAS, hunting is a major source of outdoor recreation and participation is increasing annually; and

WHEREAS, certain documentaries have fostered this anti-hunting sentiment and some groups are creating a misguided emotional reaction among large segments of uninformed urban populations; and

WHEREAS, the public needs to be presented a counteracting documentation of the true role of the hunter, and hunting, as not only a major form of recreation but an absolute necessity for the proper management and future well-being of many wildlife populations in various areas throughout the country:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners in cooperation with other State, National, International, private and public agencies involved in managing renewable natural resources, develop a comprehensive program to "TELL IT LIKE IT IS" and provide the public with an accurate portrayal of the role of the hunter and hunting in America.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 13**

##### **NATIONAL HUNTING AND FISHING DAY**

WHEREAS, Senator Thomas J. McIntyre (New Hampshire) has introduced Senate Joint Resolution #117 calling upon the President of the United States to proclaim the fourth Saturday of September as National Hunting and Fishing Day:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners endorses and supports Senate Joint Resolution #117 and all similar resolutions proclaiming the 4th Saturday of September as National Hunting and Fishing Day and urges its prompt enactment.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 14**

##### **SURPLUS FEDERAL PROPERTY**

WHEREAS, many types of surplus federal property could be advantageously used in fish and wildlife development programs:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners endorses the objective of S.244, introduced by Senators Gravel and Stevens, which would authorize donation of surplus personal property to state fish and wildlife agencies, and recommends its passage by Congress.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 15**

##### **SUPPORT FOR EXPANSION OF FACILITIES AND SERVICES OF THE LIBRARY REFERENCE SERVICE, DENVER CONSERVATION LIBRARY**

WHEREAS, the literature in fish, wildlife, and related sciences has reached a volume that precludes thorough familiarity by practicing researchers, managers, and administrators and renders impossible the recovery through traditional methods of desired information dealing with specific subjects or problems; and

WHEREAS, the Denver Conservation Library facilities under the program initiated at request of the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners in 1965 has progressed